

Parent Curriculum Meeting

Year 3 Autumn Term Monday
12th September 2022



School Vision and Motto

At Barley Lane Primary School, it is important that we all work together to ensure that everyone feels happy, safe and ready to learn.

Our School Motto

Believe in yourself, **L**earn together, **P**ersevere and **S**ucceed



Meeting Outline

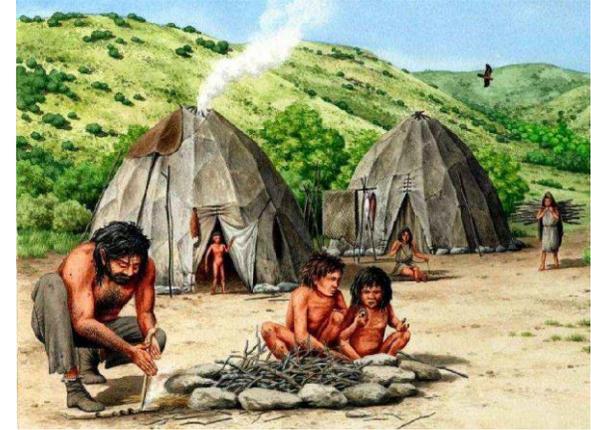
- 1. Welcome
- 2. Autumn Curriculum Topics and Big Question
- 3. English
- 4. Maths
- 5. Science
- 6. Foundation Subjects
- 7. Communication
- 8. Questions



Autumn Curriculum Topic

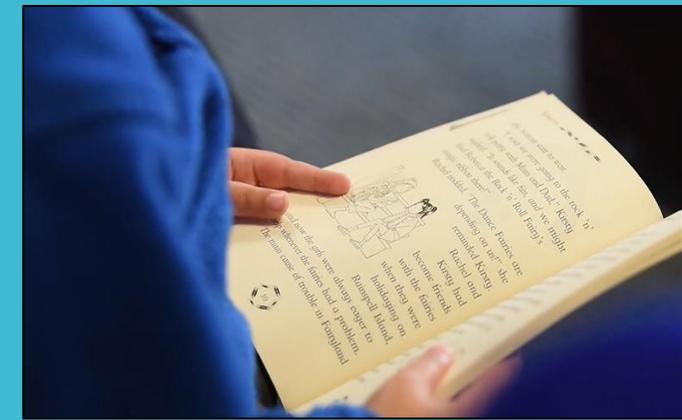


Autumn Topic: The Stone Age



Big Question:
'Are we really different from
each other?'

English



- ❖ Our key teaching texts this term are 'The First Drawing' by Mordicai Gerstein and 'Stig 'of the Dump by Clive King. We have chosen these books as they connect to our topic on The Stone Age.
- ❖ Lots of valuable extended writing tasks can be achieved through these texts: narrative and descriptive writing (including grammatical features such as using conjunctions and expanded noun phrases); writing in a different 'voice'; descriptive writing; exploring diary entries and opportunities for non-fiction as well.
- ❖ All the key reading skills can also be taught through these texts, e.g., looking at themes that are present in the book; using inference and deduction skills to profile characters, considering the author's use of language and structure and retrieval of information. Reading will be a priority and children will be actively encouraged to read across a range of genres and authors.
- ❖ Handwriting practice is important and will be formally practiced each week in line with the Barley Lane policy. Spellings will be given weekly which are linked to the phonics taught in Year 1 and 2.
- ❖ Some children will continue to use Lexia which is a great tool for becoming more confident with reading.

Maths



- ❖ This term there will be an emphasis on ensuring that the curriculum objectives for number are secure. This will involve us spending several weeks on place value (ones, tens and hundreds) and how we can use this knowledge to add, subtract, multiply and divide numbers.
- ❖ We will explore the three main branches of Maths: fluency (simple arithmetic-based questions); problem solving (worded questions) and reasoning which is where children apply different areas of Maths to questions such as 'odd one out' and 'always, sometimes, never.'
- ❖ Children will be working on giving verbal and written explanations for their mathematical thinking ensuring that they use the correct and diverse mathematical vocabulary.
- ❖ We will be spiralling back to their topics from year 2 and building on their existing knowledge. In starters, we will look to introduce some of their summer term topics which are often less explored due to other commitments in the last term.
- ❖ Practice in arithmetic will be a key focus because this centers around using formal written methods confidently.

Science

In the autumn term, the key science topics are rocks and fossils and light and shadow:



- ❖ In Science, the children will continue to build upon the KS1 scientific enquiry. They will be working 'scientifically' through predicting, creating fair tests and collecting results through observations.
- ❖ Throughout our first topic on rocks and fossils the children will be working on exploring, classifying and identifying different rocks, soil and fossil samples.
- ❖ Our second topic, light and shadow will focus on conducting their own investigations on shadows, light and reflections.
- ❖ There will be a high expectation of their use of scientific vocabulary.



Foundation Subjects



R.E - Creation stories

- **What do religions teach about the natural world and why we should care about it**
- **Hindu, Jewish, Christian creation stories**
- **Consider own responsibility for caring for the natural world**
- **Own ideas about God**
- **Investigate pictures of Gods and Goddesses**
- **Stories about Krishna and Ganesh**
- **Hindu worship and festivals**
- **Meaning and significance of pilgrimage**

Foundation Subjects



History

- Stone Age day with an external company
- Our big question is: 'Are we really different from each other?'
- Looking at our own timeline as well as the stone age chronology
- Comparing homes, tools, clothing and food
- Looking at Stonehenge in significant detail
- Refer back to our big question and comparing the stone age and life today.

Art and Design and Technology

- The first half term the focus will be on painting explore mixing colours and developing a colour vocabulary. Children will be given the opportunity to experiment with different effects and textures using paint. The lessons will be linked to our History topic. We will be exploring cave paintings and children will be producing a caving painting.
- The second half term will be focussed on D/T. We will be exploring the work of Norman Foster. Children will be planning and creating a building with the influence of his work. The link will be made to History, looking at Stone Age houses and making comparisons to buildings today.

Foundation Subjects



- We will also, of course, be doing other subjects such as PE, Computing and RHE.
- In Indoor PE, we will be looking at gymnastics and creating different movements this half term then we will be exploring Dance.
- PPA is on a Tuesday so they should come into school in their PE kits on that day.
- -3G and 3B will also need PE kits on a Monday
- -3A and 3M will also need PE kits on a Thursday
- In Computing, we will be looking at animations, creating a story board, characters and background. We will be adding sounds to animations, review and improve them. We will also be spotting and correcting bugs.
- In RHE/PSHE our focus in the Autumn term is health and wellbeing. We will look at managing pressure. Exploring actions and consequences. Reflection.

Communication with Parents

- ❖ Hopefully, this curriculum talk has given you an insight into key aspects of your children's learning this term.
- ❖ All Year 3 teachers are happy to talk and discuss whenever it is required.
- ❖ Homework will be provided regularly and will also be accessible via Purple Mash – logins will be provided if you have forgotten.
- ❖ Autumn Parent's Evening will be during October.





Any questions?



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